



FILED

7-22-16

09:52 AM

KHY/ek4 7/22/2016

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Create a Consistent Regulatory Framework for the Guidance, Planning and Evaluation of Integrated Distributed Energy Resources.

Rulemaking 14-10-003
(Filed October 2, 2014)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING NOTICING WORKSHOP

Summary

As further described below, this Ruling notices an August 4, 2016 workshop in this proceeding to be held in the Commission's Auditorium. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the range of alternatives for a process to test the utility incentive mechanism for the deployment of distributed energy resources, previously proposed by the assigned Commissioner.

Background

On June 13, 2016, the Commission hosted a workshop focusing on the utility finance theory at the center of an April 4, 2016 ruling, which introduced a proposed utility incentive mechanism for the deployment of distributed energy resources. On June 23, 2016, a Ruling was issued inviting party comment on the materials presented during the workshop. Party comments were filed on July 8, 2016. The feedback received both during the workshop and through comments remains under consideration in this proceeding.

Beyond the utility finance theory identified above, the April 4, 2016 Ruling also suggested a regulatory process for identifying opportunities for cost-effective distributed energy resource deployment, selecting, deploying and verifying them, and awarding incentives. The Ruling identified the proposed

regulatory process as a pilot, which is necessary to test the proposed incentive mechanism but which would eventually be replaced by processes under development in the Distribution Resource Planning proceeding (Rulemaking (R.) 14-08-013). Party comments on the proposed process¹ suggested a range of alternatives which may better meet the Commission's objective of promoting the cost-effective deployment of distributed energy resources in California. However, further consideration of the proposal and alternatives through a workshop is warranted.

Discussion

Accordingly, this Ruling notices a workshop to be held on August 4, 2016, in the Commission's Auditorium at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the range of alternatives for a process to test the utility incentive mechanism for the deployment of distributed energy resources.

Additional information, including an agenda, will be provided through the Commission's Energy Division prior to the workshop. Questions should be emailed to Energy Division staff member, Natalie Guishar, at natalie.guishar@cpuc.ca.gov.

One or more Commissioners, advisors or Administrative Law Judges may attend the workshop. Hence, Energy Division staff will ensure that the

¹ Parties filed comments on the April 4, 2016 Ruling on May 9, 2016 and reply comments on May 23, 2016.

workshop is noticed on the Commission's Daily Calendar, so as to inform the public that one or more decision makers may be present at the workshop.

IT IS RULED that:

1. A workshop will be held in Rulemaking 14-10-003 on August 4, 2016 in the Commission's Auditorium at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102, beginning at 10:00 a.m.
2. The Energy Division shall ensure that the August 4, 2016 workshop is noticed on the Commission's Daily Calendar.

Dated July 22, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KELLY A. HYMES

Kelly A. Hymes
Administrative Law Judge